

BOUDIN RECEIVES COLSON APOLOGY

Ellsberg Lawyer Gets Note
on Efforts to Interfere

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Leonard B. Boudin, who served as Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's lawyer in the Pentagon papers trail, said yesterday that Charles W. Colson had apologized to him for attempting to interfere with Dr. Ellsberg's right to counsel.

In his letter of apology, Mr. Colson also said that attempts to interfere with defendants' right to counsel "had become something of a standard practice for the F.B.I. and other Government agencies." He gave no examples.

On Thursday, the House Judiciary Committee released a background paper on Mr. Boudin that had been prepared by E. Howard Hunt Jr. in August, 1971.

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The memorandum suggested that Mr. Boudin had strong links with the Communist party and said that his "dedication over the years to the interests of our foreign and domestic enemies has remained unwavering and absolute."

The memorandum sent by John D. Ehrlichman to Mr. Colson, who then attempted to have a newspaper article written on material it contained. In an affidavit last summer to the Senate Watergate committee, J. F. ter Horst, the Washington bureau chief of The Detroit News, said he had received the memorandum but had not written an article based on it.

At a news conference yesterday at his offices at 30 E. 42d Street, Mr. Boudin said that the background paper was full of "inaccuracies and half-truths."

He also released correspondence he has conducted with Mr. Colson during the last several weeks.

In a letter dated June 25, the former White House special counsel, who received a one-to-three year prison sentence for his admitted role in obstruction of justice against Dr. Ellsberg, wrote:

"In the case of the material I attempted to disseminate about you, the clear consequence of that could have been to interfere with Dr. Ellsberg's right to counsel of his own choosing. I also learned that to do just that had become something of a standard practice for the F.B.I. and other Government agencies."